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By Maria E. Vega [MARIA E. VEGA]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2831  
DAVID E. KARRMANN ) Examiner: Chau Nguyen  
Serial No.: 10/376,140 )  
Filed: February 28, 2003 )  
For: CABLE WITH DUAL FILAMENT )  
INSULATOR AND PROCESS FOR )  
SELECTING THE EFFECTIVE )  
DIELECTRIC CONSTANT OF AN )  
INSULATED CABLE )



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO MAINTAIN PENDENCY OF APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and M.P.E.P. § 710.02(e), Applicant respectfully requests that the deadline for filing a response in this case (and, therefore, the application's pendency) to the Office Action dated August 4, 2003 be extended three months, from November 4, 2003 to February 4, 2004.

The Applicant notes that a continuation-in-part application is being filed under separate cover in lieu of a reply to the outstanding Office Action in this case. Accordingly, Applicant hereby expressly abandons the present application, conditioned upon: (i) the present petition being granted; and (ii) the granting of a filing date to the continuation-in-part application.

A check for \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for this request. Please charge any additional fee which may be required or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2622.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: February 4, 2004

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